

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California
March 13, 1945

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, March 13, 1945 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: None.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag!

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Minutes of a Regular Meeting held February 27, 1945 be approved as written. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the WALTERIA Civic Organization protesting the establishment of any kind of dump for waste or refuse materials, rubbish, salvage or junk in the environs of WALTERIA.

A communication was read from Southern California Gas Company, enclosing check in the amount of \$5,242.09 as payment in full of franchise earnings for the period January 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944, inclusive. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the County of Los Angeles, Board of Supervisors, signed by Raymond V. Darby, relative to the intersection of Crenshaw Boulevard and 190th Street. The question was asked as to whether or not it is possible to continue the curve, the street being on a curve southerly of 190th Street, to the intersection north of 190th Street. Copy of a letter from Mr. Cooley, Road Commissioner, Los Angeles County Road Department, addressed to Mr. Darby, was enclosed, in which it was stated that on the County Master Plan of Highways, there is shown a proposed connection between the north and south portions of Crenshaw Boulevard northerly from 190th Street, on a curve, to join the northerly portion of Crenshaw Boulevard at a point approximately 500 feet north of 190th Street. Mr. Darby offered to give whatever help he can regarding this matter.

Councilman Hitchcock said he thought it might be well to contact Mr. Darby and determine what assistance he may be able to give. Councilman Powell said he understood it is customary to proceed with the necessary work and let the courts determine the value of the property used by the City in carrying out the project. Mr. Hitchcock said Mr. Darby had not mentioned anything about condemnation proceedings, and wondered if there is any other method of acquiring the necessary property.

Attorney McCall reported that Federal funds are being made available, under certain conditions, for the acquiring of right-of-way by cities, either through purchase or condemnation proceedings.

Councilman Cucci said he still contends that the right-of-way should be acquired free if possible, and if impossible, the City should proceed with condemnation proceedings. He said, in his opinion, this should have been done before the resurfacing was done. Councilman Hitchcock pointed out that it would have been impossible to have resurfaced the street this year had this procedure been followed.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Clerk be instructed to direct a letter of appreciation to Mr. Darby for his offer to assist the City in connection with the problem of the 190th Street and Crenshaw Boulevard intersection, and that the City Attorney be authorized to contact Mr. Darby and endeavor to obtain additional information as to what assistance Mr. Darby can offer in this regard. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from J. A. Cassidy, applying for a permit to open a dump in the abandoned sand pits on the Weston Ranch property, site of which has been inspected by the Council. Mr. Cassidy stated that he would comply with certain restrictions and offered the City of Torrance use of the dump, in the event a permit is granted, for disposal of city refuse for the sum of 25¢ per truck load.

Councilman Hitchcock advised that the city dump is rapidly becoming filled and that some arrangement must be made in the near future for other facilities.

Councilman Powell said that, although the Council has inspected the site, he felt additional time should be allowed for the Council to study the terms and conditions in connection with the matter. It was decided to defer this matter until the next meeting.

At 8:00 P.M., Mayor Tolson announced that the time had arrived for opening bids for: 1 600-gallon two-wheel, trailer type, asphalt maintenance distributor. Clerk Bartlett opened and read the one bid received, being as follows:

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Brown-Bevis Equipment Company P.O. Box 174, Vernon Station 4900 Santa Fe Avenue Los Angeles, 11, California Price quoted being for 1 Model "SJ" standard steel maintenance distributor, in accordance with specifications. A list of auxiliary equipment was given, amounting to \$927.50.	\$1300.00

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the bid of Brown-Bevis Equipment Company for 1 600-gallon two-wheel, trailer type asphalt maintenance distributor be accepted, to consist of the distributor and whatever accessory equipment Mr. Jain, City Engineer, may specify, total amount not to exceed \$2300.00. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett reported that a claim has been filed against the City of Torrance, the Municipal Bus Lines, and Henry Tyler, by Joseph G. Cooke as Guardian ad Litem for Rita Cooke, an incompetent person.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the claim be denied, and that the City Clerk be directed to turn same over to the insurance carrier. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from City Engineer Jain, requesting permission to use the model 1930 Ford Truck, purchased from the Boy Scouts of America for Civilian Defense purposes, for the City Park Department. Engineer Jain advised that the auxiliary fire equipment now mounted on the truck can be easily removed and stored, and can be readily replaced if necessary, and, since it has been idle for some time, recommended that it be transferred to the Park Department.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the request be granted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Acting Secretary, Torrance City Planning Commission, advising that the Planning Commission, at a regular meeting, considered the recommendation of the City Council that the petition of Margot Grow to change the zone of Lots 6 to 9, inclusive, Block 11; Lots 1 to 8 inclusive, Block 13; and Lots 1 to 3 inclusive, Block 14, Torrance Tract, from R-3 to C-1 use, be considered, together with the recommendation that a brick, tile or concrete fence be constructed along the rear and sides of such property as adjoins alleys or streets, and the rear and sides of all business buildings facing alleys or streets be plastered.

It was advised that a motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously that the rezoning of the property to retail commercial use, (with the condition that the rear and sides of all buildings facing on streets, alleys and residential areas, be plastered, unless constructed of an approved finish material), be approved.

It was further advised that the recommendation that a fence be required was rejected on the basis that there was not sufficient information available as to the types of buildings which might be constructed in this area and whether or not this requirement for fences might be too restrictive for certain types of business buildings.

Another recommendation was made by the City Planning Commission that the City Council prepare and enact an ordinance to govern the disposal of garbage, rubbish and other materials throughout the City.

Mayor Tolson advised he had investigated and found that there are garbage and refuse ordinances which, if enforced, will solve existing problems.

Councilman Powell moved that the City Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission, and that the City Attorney and City Engineer be instructed to check the garbage and refuse disposal ordinances, and, if it is thought an amendment is necessary, to report their findings to the City Council. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Engineer Jain advised that concurrence with the Planning Commission's recommendation relative to the rezoning matter, by motion, is not the proper procedure and asked Mr. Bartlett to present the Ordinance which had been prepared for this purpose. It appearing Mr. Bartlett did not have the ordinance, Engineer Jain left the meeting for the purpose of obtaining same from his office.

Clerk Bartlett read an Affidavit of Mailing Notices of Hearing on Proposed 203rd Street Sewer, mailing date being January 26, 1945. Matter of record.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 361

AN ORDINANCE TO BE KNOWN AS THE UNIFORM ELECTRICAL CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE; PRESCRIBING THE DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF THE CITY ELECTRICIAN; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ELECTRICAL PERMITS AND FOR INSPECTIONS AND FIXING THE FEES THEREOF; REGULATING THE INSTALLATION, ARRANGEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF ELECTRIC WIRING, ELECTRIC FIXTURES, AND OTHER ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND EQUIPMENT; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THE SAME; REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 301, AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THAT CERTAIN PRINTED ELECTRICAL CODE PRINTED IN BOOK FORM, ENTITLED "UNIFORM ELECTRICAL CODE", PUBLISHED BY THE PACIFIC COAST ELECTRICAL BUREAU, THREE COPIES OF WHICH ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK FOR USE AND EXAMINATION BY THE PUBLIC.

Councilman Cucci moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 361 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Cucci moved that Ordinance No. 361 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 362

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE REGULATING THE
SALE OR DISPOSAL OF ELECTRICAL
MATERIALS, DEVICES AND APPLIANCES.

Councilman Cucci moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 362 be dispensed with. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Cucci moved that Ordinance No. 362 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1708

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA,
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR
OF SAID CITY TO FILE AN APPLICATION
FOR STATE AID FOR CIVILIAN DEFENSE
WAR SERVICE ACTIVITY EXPENDITURES.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Resolution No. 1708 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Engineer Jain returned with the ordinance referred to by him relative to the rezoning of certain property, which Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 363

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND
USE ORDINANCE NO. 316, RECLASSIFYING
PROPERTY IN BLOCKS 11, 13 AND 14, OF
THE TORRANCE TRACT, HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 363 be dispensed with. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Ordinance No. 363 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from Engineer Jain, advising that at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission, held jointly with the City Council on March 6, 1945, the Commission considered a proposed list of post-war street construction projects which are eligible for funds allocated by the State for surveys, plans and right-of-way acquisition.

It was advised that the Planning Commission recommended that the following projects be set up in the following order of priority for expenditure of City funds for such engineering and right-of-way acquisition:

- (1) Western Avenue - 174th Street to south boundary.
- (2) Sepulveda Boulevard - Hawthorne Boulevard to Western Avenue.
- (3) Arlington Avenue - Plaza del Amo to Sepulveda Boulevard.
- (4) Carson Street Cut-Off - through the High School Park.

Certain terms in connection with distribution of the above work was also mentioned.

It was requested that official orders be given to the City Engineer to conduct the necessary surveys and plans and right-of-way acquisition of these projects, in the order named, and to set up these projects when requested by the State Director of Finance.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be authorized to conduct the necessary surveys and plans and right-of-way acquisition on the above named projects as recommended by the Planning Commission. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that Robert Lucas be employed as a War Emergency fireman at a salary of \$175.00 per month, effective March 13, 1945. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell read a recommendation from Chief of Police John H. Stroh that the Council authorize purchase of a 1942 DeSoto at a price of \$1766.81, less \$866.81 for trade-in on Police Department Plymouth #1, leaving a net price of \$900.00. Chief Stroh advised that Marshall and Clampett, Los Angeles automobile dealers, have two DeSoto automobiles, which are the only new automobiles he found upon checking 25 dealers in Los Angeles County.

Councilman Powell moved that Chief of Police John H. Stroh be authorized to conclude the purchase of a 1942 DeSoto, and that \$900.00, including tax, be appropriated, representing list price of \$1766.81, less trade-in on Plymouth Sedan, \$866.81. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert suggested that, since two new cars are needed for the Police Department, Chief Stroh be authorized to apply for priority for the other car which is available.

Councilman Powell moved that Chief Stroh be authorized to make application for the necessary priority for the purchase of a second new car. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Cucci read a recommendation from C. Z. Ward, Manager, Municipal Bus Lines, that the City Council authorize the Civil Service Board to set up classifications for the bus department as follows: Bus Department Garage Foreman, Bus Department Garage Mechanic, Bus Department Mechanic's Helper and Secretary-Cashier.

Councilman Cucci moved that the Civil Service Board be authorized to set up the classifications requested by Mr. Ward.

Councilman Gilbert stated that, although he realizes the importance of having the proper classifications in the Bus Department, he feels that classifications should not be set up and examinations conducted at this time, as those employees in the Military Service are entitled to take whatever examinations may be held, but that, if this is done now, those persons will not have an opportunity to do so.

Councilman Powell agreed, stating that he felt anyone employed at this time should be employed as War Emergency employees only.

Councilman Cucci replied that he does not particularly care whether classifications are set up or not, but, he said, he would like to point out that Mrs. Edith Smith is not being justly compensated for her work in the Bus Department. He stated that she is classified as a Stenographer-Clerk, and that the reason for requesting the setting up of classifications was to give her the proper classification and corresponding compensation. He pointed out that she has an excellent record of long service and is one of the most valued employees of the Bus Department.

Councilman Gilbert said he agreed that Mrs. Smith's qualifications are high, and her record unquestionably excellent, but that he felt if a classification of this kind is set up for the Bus Department, it must also be set up for other departments. He said that, so far as the compensation is concerned, he thought the Council could adjust her salary to whatever bracket her work warrants, which he said he favors doing.

After a short period of discussion, Councilman Cucci was authorized to present a recommendation to the Council relative to adjusting the salary of Edith Smith, Stenographer-Clerk, Municipal Bus Lines.

Councilman Cucci moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$225.00 be made for painting and lettering Bus #101, Municipal Bus Lines. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Cucci moved that salary increases be authorized for bus operators Milo Gilbert and Donald Baugh from \$185.00 to \$200.00 per month, effective March 16, 1945. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Cucci moved that an appropriation of \$57.60 be made for advertising, payable to the Torrance Herald, for Torrance Municipal Bus Lines. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mr. Ward advised that the extended service on the Bus Lines, increasing the schedule to Harbor City, Pueblo and Walteria, will become effective March 18, 1945.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$148.12, including tax, be made for 1889 gallons Bitumuls, Street Department. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$65.96, including tax, be made for two 700 x 24 tire recaps and 2 tire sections for Street Department. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$164.26, including tax, be made for 1 Hall Seat Grinder for the City Garage. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$60.39, including tax, be made for track lines, pilot bearing, upper track rollers and shifter for Model M. Tractor, Street Department. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$205.00 be made for 1 Model 80 brake riveting machine, payable to Herman Pickett. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$1500.00 be made for a four-wheel, twelve ton trailer, for use in the Street Department for hauling heavy equipment. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$75.00 be made for painting the Dodge Sedan used by the Engineering Department. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert moved that an additional appropriation of \$107.43 be made for the winch and power-take-off assembly, including cable, for the Park Department truck. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$270.96 be made for 24 5/8" x 3/4" water meters, without connections, for the Water Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$64.06 be made for 200 Monthly Bulletins, entitled "Advance", for the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that the City Clerk be authorized to employ a typist, on a temporary basis, for a short period of time to help catch up work which has fallen behind due to illness of certain employees of the department, at a rate of \$1.00 per hour. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$100.00, plus tax, be made for a paint spray gun, respirators, hose and air transformer, for the City Paint Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids for the building of a warehouse for the Water Company, to be built at the Pumping Plant, as per plans and specifications now on file with the Engineering Department and City Clerk's Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson announced that the Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities will hold the annual dinner meeting at the Civic Auditorium Thursday, March 15, 1945, and advised that the various members of the city boards and commissions will attend the meeting as guests of the City.

Mayor Tolson called for protests on the 203rd Street sewer project. There were none.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the hearing on the 203rd Street sewer project be continued until the next regular meeting of the City Council. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Mrs. Edna Hillier be employed on a temporary basis to serve in Mrs. Bohrer's place during her absence, effective March 16, 1945. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote:
 AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson.
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Cucci reported that the matter of insufficient space at the auditorium for storage of janitor supplies is still pending and said he felt something should be done toward drawing up plans for added space.

A short discussion followed, after which Councilman Cucci moved that the City Engineer be authorized to prepare plans (post-war) for storage space at the Civic Auditorium for janitor supplies, and also for expansion of the library. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Cucci asked whether or not it is intended to adopt Victory Garden water rates this year.

Councilman Cucci moved that the regular procedure be followed as has been followed in prior years to lower water rates for Victory Gardens during the gardening season. Councilman Powell seconded the motion.

Mr. W. H. Stanger, Manager of Municipal Water District No. 1 advised that this cannot be done by motion, and further, that the added burden placed on his department, and also the City Accounting Department, should be considered before summarily taking such action. He said the water rates had been lowered to benefit all consumers.

Councilman Cucci replied that, even though Mr. Stanger does not wish to contend with the disturbances this would cause him, he felt that people with empty lots should be encouraged to start Victory Gardens and raise their vegetables. He said if Mr. Stanger needs additional help in his office, the help can be provided.

Councilman Hitchcock suggested having Mr. Stanger bring in a recommendation on this at the next meeting, whereupon Councilman Powell stated that, regardless of Mr. Stanger's attitude, he thought the City Council should make provision for people to have Victory Gardens by reducing the water rate, and that, if the added work entailed in keeping the records warrant it, additional help be authorized for Mr. Stanger's office. He said it is not his inclination to allow any department head to tell the Council what to do in regard to running the City.

Councilman Cucci and Councilman Powell withdrew their motion and second, respectively, upon being advised that a resolution is necessary if it is desired to establish Victory Garden rates.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1709, text to be the same as the resolution which was adopted last year relative to Victory Garden water rates, be adopted. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Resolution adopted being:

RESOLUTION NO. 1709

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Engineer Jain reported that there is a vacant area behind the Civic Auditorium which would be a good location for storage space of janitor supplies.

Clerk Bartlett requested that, when considering post-war plans, some thought be given to the construction of a basement under about one-half the City Hall and also an additional vault, both for storage of valuable records.

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
 OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 1674
 BY ADDING THERETO SECTION NO. 34 AFFECTING
 WATER RATES FOR VICTORY GARDENS, EFFECTIVE
 MARCH 21. 1945.

Engineer Jain reported that, in connection with the request received at the last meeting that a sidewalk be constructed on Crenshaw Boulevard north of Torrance Boulevard, his investigation revealed that there are approximately 200 feet to be taken into consideration. He said the cost will be about 25¢ per square foot, and that the owner of the apartment house on the corner has tentatively agreed to pay up to 15¢ per square foot. He said this improvement would benefit more than the owner of the apartment house, and recommended that the City pay the difference in cost between 15¢ per square foot and 25¢ per square foot representing total cost.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that, if the City Engineer receives a definite commitment from Mr. Lessor, owner of the apartment house, that he will pay 15¢ per square foot for the proposed construction of a sidewalk on Crenshaw Boulevard north of Torrance Boulevard, a distance of approximately 200 feet, the City assume responsibility for payment of 10¢ per square foot, making a total of 25¢ per square foot for the job. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Engineer Jain reported that he had received a telephone call from Mr. Rawn of the County Sanitation District, and Mr. Rawn had advised that he is recommending to the Sanitation Board that the Sanitation District pay 48% of the actual construction cost of the 203rd Street sewer if the total contract cost does not exceed \$30,000.00.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

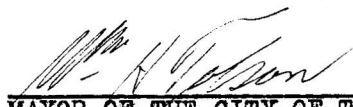
Mr. Paul Slonecker inquired what action had been taken relative to the race restriction question. Mayor Tolson reported that the City Attorney is working on the question and will undoubtedly have a report ready in the near future.

Councilman Cucci moved all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 9:15 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Cucci, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE